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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

Introduced by: Smith V

A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring the Gamma Psi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Whereas, The Gamma Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was chartered in Gary on October 28, 1944;

Whereas, Gamma Psi Omega Chapter was founded by Sorors Clemette Armstrong, Ruth H. Battle, Katherine F. Beckman, Kathleen Bingham, Ferne Browne, Alice Butts, Bennie N. Collins, Margaret Graham, Genevieve H. Gray, Clareon Hinkson, Joyce T. Morgan, Evangeline Morse, Frances Renfro, Jane L. Schell, and Johnnie Upshaw;

Whereas, Of the founding members, two became Diamond Sorors with 75 years of service to Alpha Kappa Alpha, Soror

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Clemette Armstrong and Soror Ruth H. Battle, both now deceased; the last living charter member, Soror Bennie Collins, passed away in the early spring of 2014;

Whereas, Gamma Psi Omega was the first chapter chartered in northwest Indiana and the 20th in the Central Region and is the first and only northwest Indiana chapter to have a member on the directorate;

Whereas, Gamma Psi Omega is focused on education and mentoring through Adopt-a-School partnerships with various schools in the Gary Community School Corporation where members work with and mentor students of all ages;

Whereas, Since 1944, Gamma Psi Omega has awarded approximately \$400,000 in scholarships to Gary area graduating high school seniors for college enrollment;

Whereas, Gamma Psi Omega has also received a \$1,000 Alpha Kappa Alpha Regional Award, partnered with the Urban League's "Read & Rise" program, implemented a Young Author's Creativity Program for elementary age students, annually worked with the Boy Scouts Troop 53 and Girl Scouts of St. Timothy Church on community projects, and held informational seminars on the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday, First Responder Disaster and First Aid Training, and financial workshops;

Whereas, Active in the community, Gamma Psi Omega partners with organizations such as the Urban League and Northwest Indiana Money Smart, and in various entrepreneurial endeavors, empowerment conferences, global poverty, parades, and emotional health events; and

Whereas, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Gamma Psi Omega are dedicated to the service of all mankind and have improved the lives of many people throughout the years: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes



1 the many contributions of the Gamma Psi Omega Chapter of the Alpha
2 Kappa Alpha Sorority and thanks the members of Gamma Psi Omega
3 for their many hours of service to the nation.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the administration
6 of Gamma Psi Omega.

